(c) The society produced 7 feature films, 2 featurettes and 9 short films; and covered an audience of about one crore with its schemes during the last three financial years.

Representation about the use of Tamil Equivalent words for All India Radio

1296. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation about the use of Tamil equivalent words for English words on "All India Radio";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that All India Radio Tamil broadcasts, relayed from Delhi and Tamil Nadu, use different words that is 'Agasavani' from Delhi and 'All India Radio' from Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether Government propose to use Tamil Words namely "Ahila Indian Vanozhi" instead of Hindi and English words in Tamil Broadcasts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two representations, in this regard, were received from the Hon'ble Member, Shri S. Madhavan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. The present practice of using the name "All India Radio" from Tamil Nadu stations and Akashvani from other stations/Centres in the country is considered appropriate.

Imort of Newsprint

1297. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of newsprint required to be imorted to meet the demands of the press adequately this year;

(b) the extent of imports made so far and what is the quantum contracted for imort during the current year country-wise, indicating the terms of imort; and

(c) the quantity of newsprint imorts, is any, which is likely to be made in terms of rupee-payment and through the contrivance of escrow accounts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c) The total demand of newsprint in the country for the year 1992-93 is estimated to be 5.55 lakh metric tonnes and the targetted production of indigenous newsprint during the same period is 3.44 lakh MTs. As the newspapers are allowed to import newsprint directly or through their handling agents as per the current Import-Export Policy after decanalisation of newsprint, it is not possible to indicate the quantity of newsprint that would be imported by the newspapers during this year and the foreign exchange/Rupee Payment involved therein.

दूरदर्शन द्वारा धारावाहिक "सहस्वफन" को स्वीकृति का दिया जाना

1298. श्री प्रमोद महाजन : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दूरदर्शन धारावाहिक "सहस्वफन" को स्वीकृति हेतु दूरदर्शन के पास कब प्रस्तुत किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पहले इस धारावाहिक को अस्वीकार कर दिया गया था लेकिन बाद में इसे स्वीकृति प्रदान कर दी गई, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) इस दूरदर्शन धारावाहिक के लेखक कौन है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) और (ख) "सहस्वफन" शीर्षक से दो प्रस्ताव एक ही निर्माता से प्राप्त हुए थे जिनमें से एक प्रस्ताव 31-7-89 को कमीशंड श्रेणी के

अन्तर्गत प्राप्त हुआ था और दूसरा प्रस्ताव अक्तूबर, 1990 को नई प्रायोजन स्कीम के अन्तर्गत प्राप्त हुआ था। प्रस्ताव में संशोधन करने के बाद कमीशंड श्रेणी के अन्तर्गत इसको प्रत्यय अनुमोदन 6-5-91 को दिया गया था। नई प्रायोजन स्कीम के अन्तर्गत प्रस्तुत किए गए प्रस्ताव पर चयन समिति ने विचार किया था परन्तु यह दिनांक 28-2-92 को सार्वजनिक रूप से घोषित प्रस्तावों की अनन्तिम सूची में नहीं दर्शाया गया है।

(ग) धारावाहिक श्री विश्वनाथ, सत्य-नारायण के उपन्यास पर आधारित है।

Royalty from Doordarshan for Telecast of Cricket Matches

1299. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Cricket Control Board of India has asked for royalty from Doordarshan for telecasting cricket matches; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and also the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) The Board of Control for Cricket in India have sold World "Exhibition Rights" of the forthcoming India England Test Series to a foreign company. Doordarshan has not entered into any agreement with the Board of Control for Cricket in India in this regard so far.

Application for Registration of Newspapers

1300. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of applications for registration of prospective newspapers which were received annually by the Registrar of Newspapers of India during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of cases which were disposed of;

(c) what is the number of new names permitted; and

(d) what is the number of cases which are pending as on the 31st July, 1992 ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c) The number of applications for registration of prospective newspapers received, the number of cases disposed of and the number of new names permitted during the last three years, year-wise is given below :

Year	Number of applications received	Number of applications disposed of	Number of new names permitted
1989-90	20,858	20,414	9390
1990-91	23,963	23,898	9898
1991-92	22,626	22,363	9515

(d) 201 applications were pending as on 31st July, 1992.

Expenditure on Films Division

1301. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount of Expenditure incurred on the Films Division during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount out of this that was spent on salaries and allowances and other emoluments and how much of it was on actual film production; and